



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : REDMOND et al.  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

**REQUEST FOR ACCEPTANCE OF FOREIGN PRIORITY CLAIM**

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.55(c) Applicants respectfully request acceptance of the foreign priority claim of GB 97 16219.2, filed July 31, 1997. This priority was claimed in parent Application Serial No. 09/493,797. The claim is being presently made by concurrent to submission of an amendment to the specification.

The surcharge of \$1330.00 as set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(t) is enclosed herewith.

The entire delay between the date that the claim was due and the present was unintentional.

If any further fees are required, please charge them to deposit account no. 02-2135.

Respectfully submitted,

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